



**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**



May 15, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

In response to your April 22 letter, the California Energy Commission is providing the attached preliminary analysis of possible causes of irregularities in gasoline prices.

Beginning in 2015, the difference between gasoline prices in California and the national average has increased. Most recently, that difference has soared to more than a dollar.

The Energy Commission's analysis examines possible causes that potentially explain all or a portion of the price difference, and provides a proposed plan for further examination of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Hochschild".

David Hochschild
Chair

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Attachment